(*b*) how many houses have been occupied, and what is the rent charged for each house ;

(*c*) what arrangement has been made for the provision of houses to many more who are still in the Labourers' Pit, Malleswaram, and who are also living in miserable huts in Seshadripuram Mango Tope, Mysore Mill huts, Jewell Filters' huts, etc.; does the Municipality contemplate constructing more houses ; if so, how many and when are they expected to be ready ;

(*d*) (i) has any representation been made by the Telugu labourers in the Labourers' Pit, Malleswaram, to the Bangalore City Municipal Commissioner to acquire for them some land near Malleswaram ; (ii) if so, what action has been taken and when will the said land be acquired and given to the labourers ;

(*e*) (i) is there no compulsory rule to take permission before the huts or houses are constructed within the municipal limits ; (ii) if there is, has permission been granted to the owners of these huts ?

A.—The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesavaiengar).—

(*a*) 250.

(*b*) 228, Rs. 2-8-0 per month.

(*c*) The municipality will take up the question of providing more houses for the labourers when funds are available.

(*d*) (i) Yes.

(ii) The matter is under consideration.

(*e*) (i) Yes.

(ii) Yes.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—With reference to answer (*c*), have the Government no responsibility in the matter and should the entire work be undertaken by the municipality ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The responsibility of the municipality is greater.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—Will not the Government help the municipality financially ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—If there be any suggestions in the matter, they will be considered.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—Are not the Government aware that the municipality has asked for a loan of Rs. 20 lakhs ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—Will a portion of this amount be utilised for building houses ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—If the municipality sends up a recommendation in the matter, it will be considered.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—Cannot the Government compel the mill authorities to contribute funds for building houses for labourers ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Legislation will be necessary for compulsion.

Mr. PRESIDENT.—You know the existing difficulties. If you can persuade the mill authorities in the matter, we shall also be glad.

Mr. M. A. GOPALASWAMI IYENGAR.—It is stated that the rental charged for each house is Rs. 2-8-0. How does it work out on the capital invested ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—We have not calculated it. You should give notice.

Mr. P. MURUGESAM PILLAY.—Will the Government grant free sites to labourers if they undertake to form a colony and build houses at their own cost ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The question will be considered if recommendations are duly sent up.

Service Conditions under Municipalities.

Q.—55. Mr. T. RAMACHANDRA (Special Interests).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) what are the schemes adopted and submitted to Government by the Bangalore City Municipal Council for bettering the service conditions of the sweepers and scavengers in the municipality with regard to the grant of maternity benefit, leave and gratuity ;

(*b*) what orders have Government passed on the above resolutions of the Municipal Council ;

(*c*) have any orders been passed by the Government for the grant of

maternity benefit, leave and gratuity to the sweepers and scavengers working in the major and minor town municipalities in the State; if so, what are the orders passed thereon;

(*d*) (i) have any schemes been adopted by the city and major town municipalities in the State to provide proper housing accommodation to the sweepers and scavengers; (ii) if so, by which municipalities?

A.—**The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesavaiengar).**—

(*a*) The Bangalore City Municipal Council have resolved that the following concessions be granted to the sweepers and scavengers of the municipality:—

(1) One day's privilege leave on full pay for each month of active service and not exceeding 12 days in a year.

(2) Fifteen days' sick leave on full pay in the case of persons who have no privilege leave at their credit. Sick leave may be extended up to one month on full pay on the certificate of the Health Officer or the Medical Officer of the Hospital where the person is an in-patient.

(3) Maternity leave to women sweepers for six weeks on full pay.

(4) Gratuity or bonus to persons who retire or die after having put in more than 15 years of approved service at the following rates:

1. From 15 to 25 years of service.

One-third of a month's salary for each year of active service.

2. From 25 years upwards.

Half a month's salary for each year of service subject to a maximum of Rs. 150 (to be paid in instalments).

(*b*) and (*c*) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

(*d*) (i) Yes.

(ii) 1. Bangalore City Municipality.
2. Mysore City Municipality.
3. Thyamagondlu.
4. Vadigenahalli.
5. Sira.
6. Tiptur.
7. Hassan.
8. Arsikere.
9. Holenarsipur.
10. Saklespur.
11. Chennarayapatna.
12. Alur.
13. Sravanabelagola.
14. Belur.
15. Bhadravati.
16. Shimoga.
17. Sagar.
18. Chikmagalur.
19. Chamarajanagar.
20. Nagamangala.
21. Heggadadevankote.
22. Mandya.
23. Hunsur.
24. Melkote.
25. Gundlupet.
26. Agaramamballi.
27. Krishnarajanagara.
28. Nanjangud.
29. T.-Narsipur.
30. Saragur.

Mr. T. RAMACHANDRA.—With reference to answer (*a*), why is it that the recommendation of the Bangalore City Municipality has not yet been sanctioned by the Government even though it was sent about one year back?

The SECOND MEMBER (Rajamantrapravina N. Madhava Rau).—The financial implications of the question are being examined.

Mr. Belur SRINIVASIENGAR.—With reference to answer (*a*), is privilege leave of 12 days for a year adequate?

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU.—It is on the recommendation of the Bangalore City Municipal Council that all these things are done. You can move that body to increase the leave concessions.

Working of Co-operative Societies.

Q.—57. **Mr. M. A. GOPALASWAMI IYENGAR** (Special Interests).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) what is the percentage of overdues to demand in—

(i) Central Co-operative Societies;

(ii) Agricultural Co-operative Societies; and